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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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An Overview: Women's Rights in Egypt

Political participation is the essence of influence components in political decision making. Political participation is one form of practicing political rights and duties of citizens.

Political participation for women and their contribution to opinions and variety of political life movement is indispensable matter. We cannot deny that the effective national participation of Egyptian women led to establishment of mechanisms of supporting Egyptian women. This is through including articles in the constitution of 2014 that stating equal rights for men and women. Egyptian women have achieved many important gains on the level of enabling them to decision making positions; among them are the assignment of the first female governor, the first female national security consultant for the president, the first vice-governor of the central bank, in addition to assigning 6 female vice-heads of State Cases Authority for the first time and the increase of female ministers ratio to 25% and other gains on all levels.

Moreover, on the legislative level, the law of the National Council for Women was approved as the punishment for FGM and sexual harassment was thickened, criminalizing women's deprivation from inheritance in addition to including equal rights for men and women in investment law in regard to investment opportunities and supporting small and medium enterprises, till the most important declaration in the history of Egyptian women when the president Abd El Fattah El Sisi declared 2017 to be the Year of Women in Egypt in step crowning Egypt's efforts on national, regional and international level regarding the enhancement of women's role in society.

The Year of Egyptian Women synchronized with the declaration of Egyptian women empowerment strategy 2030 which is approved by the president Abd El Fattah El Sisi to be followed in the next years to activate plans, programs and projects included in this strategy.